

## **LORD FAIRFAX COMMUNITY TRAIL OPEN**

Fauquier County Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the opening of the Lord Fairfax Community Trail for public use and enjoyment! We encourage the community to visit this newest section of trail in the department's goal of completing the Trail Connections Plan Project. Future plans for the trail include a connection through the nearby Stafford Farm to join the Lord Fairfax Trail to the existing Warrenton Branch Greenway, helping to create a walk-able community between Old Town Warrenton, Meetze Road and Lord Fairfax Community College.

Easily accessible at the backside of the Community College's parking lot, The Lord Fairfax Trail, at just about a third of a mile, is wonderful for children or those seeking a short walk, while offering an excellent opportunity to experience the county's natural pastoral setting. Perfect for walkers of all levels, the footing is a smooth crush and run surface, with the trail being mostly flat following a winding design located on the uphill side of a wooded ravine. The trails surrounding woods is home to a variety of indigenous Virginia species, including Red Ash, Juniper and White Dogwood. A beautifully designed retaining wall protects a small pond with cattail and other natural vegetation, providing a natural drinking source for the wildlife you are sure to find evidence of, if not personally witness, while walking the trail.

The trail could not have been possible without the generosity of Lord Fairfax Community College which provided the easement for the trail, Architect, Land Planning & Design Associates, Inc. of Charlottesville, VA and the construction team at Total Development Solutions. The Fauquier County Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life for all people in Fauquier County. Working in a partnership with the citizens, the department looks to provide the leadership to assure that citizens receive high quality recreational facilities and services, and to assure the preservation of local history. So come enjoy this fantastic trail addition, and remember to get up, get out and stay active!